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- b) the balance being a lipophilic base;
- c) applying the homogeneous solution into the area of skin to be treated; and
- c) evaporating the volatile solvent from the homogeneous solution;
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- wherein said topical anesthetic rapidly penetrates the skin surface at said skin.

REMARKS

Claim 9 has been amended to better define the invention. Support for the amendment can be found on page 7, paragraph 31, of the specification.

Care has been taken to ensure that no new matter is added to the text.

Entry and favorable consideration prior to consideration are respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE HEREBY ATTACHED

The Examiner is requested to accept the marked-up version as it is based on the previous version, which when modified as below, produces the clean version submitted with the current amendment.

Please amend the claims as follows:

9. (Once amended) A method for applying a topical anesthetic to an area of skin, the method comprises the steps of:

- a) mixing from about 40-80% of alcohol with a mixture containing:
from about [20] 3-40% [, preferably about 20%] of lidocaine;
from about 0.5 to about 2.0%, preferably about 1.5% thickener;
from about 0.5 to about 2.0%, preferably about 1.5% emulsifier; and
the balance being a lipophilic base;
- b) applying the homogeneous solution into the area of skin to be treated; and
- c) evaporating the volatile solvent from the homogeneous solution;
wherein said topical anesthetic rapidly penetrates the skin surface at said skin.